

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiffs

Case No. 3:16-CR-0114

-vs-

Judge Thomas M. Rose

KEON RUTLEDGE

Defendant

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**ENTRY AND ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO MODIFY SENTENCE  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 3582 (c)(1)(A)(i) (Doc. 50)**

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This case is before the Court on what it considers a Motion to Modify Sentence Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582 (c)(1)(A)(i) (Doc. 50) (the “Motion”) filed by Defendant, Keon Rutledge. The Government filed a response to the Motion. (Doc. 51.) Defendant has not filed a reply in support of the Motion, and the time to do so has now passed. The matter is ripe for the Court’s review.

In the Motion, the Defendant asks that this Court issue an order releasing him from custody to serve the entire remainder of his sentence on electronic home incarceration based on his “high blood pressure”. (Doc. 50) at PAGEID# 135) Thus, the Defendant asks that the Court order a change to the place where his sentence will be served from FCI Morgantown to his home.

The Court lacks authority to grant Defendant’s request. It is the BOP that has the authority to determine the place of a defendant’s confinement, not the courts. 18 U.S.C. § 3621(b) (“The Bureau of Prisons shall designate the place of the prisoner’s imprisonment ...”); *United States v. Jalili*, 925 F.2d 889, 894 (6th Cir. 1991) (“While a judge has wide discretion in determining the length and type of sentence, the court has no jurisdiction to select the place where the sentence

will be served. Authority to determine place of confinement resides in the executive branch of government ... and is delegated to the Bureau of Prisons”) (quoting *United States v. Dragna*, 746 F.2d 457, 458 (9th Cir. 1984)); *United States v. Townsend*, 631 F. App’x 373, 378 (6th Cir. 2015) (“The BOP, not the court, is responsible for designating the place of a prisoner’s imprisonment ... [a]ccordingly, the district court did not err in concluding that it could not split [defendant’s] mandatory sentence between a BOP facility and home confinement because that decision is solely confided to the BOP”); *see also* 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c) (“The court may not modify a term of imprisonment once it has been imposed except that ....) (emphasis added).

Therefore, the Court **DENIES** Defendant’s Motion to Modify Sentence Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582 (c)(1)(A)(i) (Doc. 50).

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Dayton, Ohio, this Monday, July 6, 2020.

s/Thomas M. Rose

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THOMAS M. ROSE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE